



Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS NEWSLETTER

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CST ON THE GROW!

2014 started off on a good note with the addition of four new Citizen Support Team members. Tasked with working within the Emergency Operations Center during an activation, CST members received training in WebEOC, Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface, Hurrevac, Emergency Communications and an overview of Texas Emergency Management. A special thank you to Stephen Jaffe, Richard Bonica, Ric Morris and Robert Ring for their dedication to the preparedness of Fort Bend County.

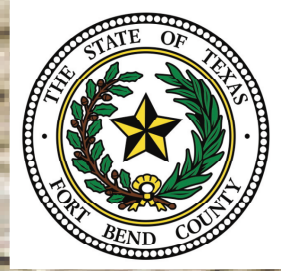


**Additional information about
upcoming Citizen Support
Team Training courses is
available at this link:**

<http://www.fbcoem.org/go/survey/1528/14971>



Fort Bend County Community Emergency Response Training 2014 Course Schedule



COURSE 1:
APRIL 12, 13
8 AM - 8 PM

First Aid/ Triage

Fire Suppression

COURSE 2:
JUNE 11, 12, 18, 19
6 PM - 10 PM
JUNE 22
8 AM - 5 PM

Search and Rescue

Incident Command

Hazardous Materials

Psychological First Aid

COURSE 3:
SEPTEMBER 20, 21
8 AM - 8 PM



COURSE 4:
DECEMBER 6, 7
8 AM - 8 PM

**INFORMATION AND
REGISTRATION LINK:**

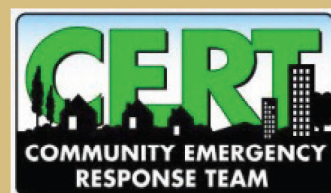
<http://www.fbcoem.org/go/survey/1528/1747>



CERT RODEO 2014

On February 9, 2014 Community Emergency Response Teams from around the state joined together at the Harris County Fire and Sheriff's Training Academy to test their skills in an emergency response rodeo. Fort Bend CERT members with Focus Humanitarian Assistance competed in activities designed to test their training and ability to work together to respond to emergencies

and disasters. Search and rescue, triage, first aid, hazardous materials, cribbing, packaging and teamwork competitions allowed teams to hone their disaster response skills.



WILDERNESS AND REMOTE FIRST AID



**American
Red Cross**

**TRAIN TO RESPOND IN REMOTE AREAS, AUSTERE
CONDITIONS AND DISASTER ENVIRONMENTS**



**COURSE HOSTED BY
FORT BEND COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**



FOR REGISTRATION:

<http://www.fbcoem.org/go/survey/1528/14979>

FOR INFORMATION:

281-342-6185

OEM@CO.FORT-BEND.TX.US

**SESSION 1
MAY 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
6-10 PM**

OR

**SESSION 2
NOVEMBER 15, 16
8 AM - 8 PM**

Students must attend all components of the course for certification.

Prerequisites: The course is both mentally and physically challenging, individuals with medical limitations should consult the advice of their physician before registering for the course. No previous first aid training is required. CPR certification must be current at time of course. Students must submit a copy of current CPR card at time of registration. Must be a member of a Fort Bend County Volunteer/Community Preparedness Program.

TEXAS Y SPILL



On Saturday, March 22, 2014, at approximately 12:35pm, the motor vessel Summer Wind, collided off the coast of Texas City, in the area known as the "Texas City Y". The Summer Wind collided with one of two barges each containing 924,000 gallons of fuel oil that was being towed by the motor vessel Miss Susan. An unknown quantity of thick tar like oil was released into the gulf in a coastal region that is frequented by thousands of migratory birds in the spring.

Fort Bend County Community Emergency Response Team members assisted in the wildlife rescue that is now underway in cooperation with Galveston County Office of Emergency Management, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as several other local, state, and federal agencies.



Fort Bend County CERT members were tasked with acting as Oiled Wildlife Observers in the field. They provided location data to responders from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

If you would like to find out dates for our upcoming CERT training, go to:

<http://www.fbcoem.org/go/doctype/1528/37013/>

2014 VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

FORT BEND COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:
<http://www.fbcoem.org/go/doctype/1528/37013/>



DATE	TIME	EVENT
APRIL 12 - 13	8-8	CERT: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING
MAY 7 & 8 MAY 14 & 15 MAY 21 & 22	6-10 PM	AMERICAN RED CROSS WILDERNESS FIRST AID
MAY 30, FRIDAY	8-5	FORT BEND COUNTY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP
MAY 31, SATURDAY	8-3	HOUSTON/GALVESTON 2014 HURRICANE WORKSHOP
JUNE 11, WEDNESDAY JUNE 12, THURSDAY JUNE 18, WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, THURSDAY JUNE 22, SUNDAY	6-10 PM 6-10 PM 6-10 PM 6-10 PM 8-5 PM	CERT: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING
JULY 14 - JULY 18	11 - 5	FAMILY CERT DAY CAMP
AUGUST 6, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7, THURSDAY AUGUST 13, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14, THURSDAY	6-10 PM	CST: CITIZEN SUPPORT TEAM TRAINING
SEPTEMBER 15 - 19	8-5	G300 AND G400 INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM COURSE
SEPTEMBER 20 - 21	8-8	CERT: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING
SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 11	ALL DAY	FORT BEND COUNTY RODEO
OCTOBER 11 - 12	8-5	CST: CITIZEN SUPPORT TEAM TRAINING
OCTOBER 25 - 26	8-6	G300: INTERMEDIATE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM COURSE
NOVEMBER 3 - 7	8-5	G300 AND G400 INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM COURSE

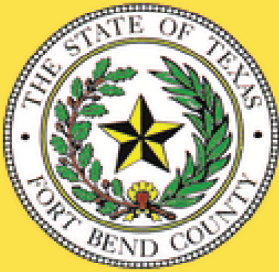
**QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT: 281-238-3428
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EOC OPERATIONS AND PLANNING FOR ALL HAZARDS



The week of March 25th, emergency managers and responders from around the county and region participated in the EOC Operations and Planning for All Hazards course hosted by the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management. Michael Chance, a member of the Fort Bend County Citizen Support team attended this course that allowed students to practice EOC operations in a large-scale incident. They were coached by instructors who have emergency management experience and who provide this training nationally. They used multi-agency coordination responsibilities, processes, and procedures and focus on key information management, resources coordination and situational awareness requirements within the EOC.





FAMILY CERT DAY CAMP

Fort Bend County Family CERT Day Camp
is a **FREE** fun, interactive, hands-on
course designed to prepare your family to
respond to disasters and emergencies.

**Community Emergency
Response Training Includes:**

**First Aid & CPR
Fire Suppression
Search & Rescue
Incident Management
Psychological First Aid**

**JULY 14 - 18, 2014
11 AM- 5 PM**



**For more info contact:
OEM@co.fort-bend.tx.us or
<http://www.fbcoem.org/go/survey/1528/2935>**

**Ages 10 and up are welcome. At least
one adult family member for every four
children is required to attend.**



GARCIA MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER DAY

On February 11, 2014 Garcia Middle School had it's annual Career Day. Aimed at giving students an overview of potential career paths, Career Day allows students to interface with a variety of workforce professionals. Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management provided insight into the rapidly expanding opportunities within the field of Emergency Management.

Additionally, in conjunction with the Texas Center for the Missing, the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management provided specific training on Social Media and its impact upon student's current and future plans. Real case studies along with a multimedia presentation cautioned the crowd of several hundred students about the permanence of internet postings and the easy access potential employers have to data once considered private.



Contact the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) plans and prepares for emergencies, educates the public about preparedness, coordinates emergency response and recovery, and collects and disseminates emergency information.

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For matters regarding the Fort Bend County Volunteer program, you may contact us at :

281-342-6185.

Forward comments, article ideas, upcoming events, or photos of Fort Bend residents performing volunteer activities, to :

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